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In re application of: Denes Marton

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Manufactured Therefrom and Method of Making Same

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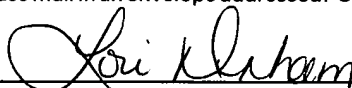
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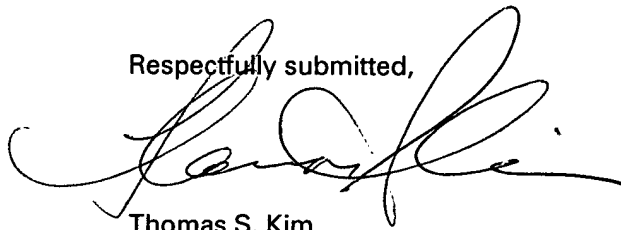
Copies of the references were previously cited by and/or submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in related application, Serial No. 09/443,929, filed November 19, 1999 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,379,383) (the "prior application"). The present application relies, under 35 U.S.C. § 120, on the filing date of the prior application. Therefore, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), copies of those references cited and/or submitted in the prior application are not enclosed, but will be provided upon request.

Copies of references not previously cited and/or submitted in the prior application are enclosed herewith.

Independent consideration and acknowledgment of the listed references are respectfully requested.

Applicant authorizes the Commissioner to charge the necessary \$180.00 fee as well as any deficiencies in fees which may be due in connection with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement to be charged to Deposit Account 18-2000.

Respectfully submitted,

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	AF1	5,605,714	2/25/97	Dearnaley, et al.	427/2.24	427/2.25
	AG1	4,846,834	7/11/89	von Recum, et al.	623/11	623/66
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	AI1	4,751,099	6/14/88	Niino, et al.	427/34	427/423
	AJ1	4,510,182	4/9/85	Cornils, et al.	427/162	427,165
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AP1	61-88135		Japan			

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AS1 "Fabrication of Small-Scale Coils and Bands as Photomasks on Optical Fibers for Generation of In-Fiber Gratings, Electromagnets as Micro-NMR Coils, Microtransformers, and Intra-Vascular Stents" www.techtransfer.harvard.edu/cgi-bin/TALSearch.cgi?full_report=1&case=72, Case Number 1263

AT1 "Reactions of Biological Cells to Nanostructures", by Curtis, et al., AVS 46th International Symposium, Paper BI-WeM2 (October 27, 1999)

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	AC2	5,811,151	9/22/98	Hendricks, et al.	427/2.24	427/2.3
	AD2	5,866,113	2/2/99	Hendricks, et al.	424/78.17	424/78.18
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AS2 "Biofunctionalization of Surfaces with Peptide Amphiphiles" AVS 46th International Symposium, Paper No. BI-WeM7 (October 27, 1999)

AT2 "Plasma Copolymer Surfaces for Cell Culture" AVS 46th International Symposium, Paper No. Paper BI-WeM9 (October 27, 1999)

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	AD3	5,782,910	7/21/98	Davidson	623/3	
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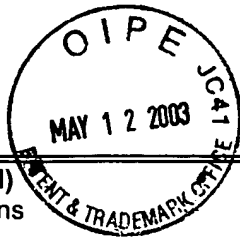
AS3 "Biofilm - Titanium Chemistry of Adhesion Using X-ray Photoelectron Spectroscopy" AVS 46th International Symposium, Paper No. BI-FrM10

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	AD4	5,968,091	10/19/99	Pinchuk, et al.	623/1	600/36
	AE4	5,962,138	10/5/99	Kolluri, et al.	428/411.1	428/497
	AF4	5,387,247	2/7/95	Vallana, et al.	623/2	623/12
	AG4	5,607,463	3/4/97	Schwartz, et al.	623/1	623/12
	AH4	6,106,642	8/22/00	DiCarlo, et al.	148/563	148/675
	AI4	5,891,507	4/6/99	Jayaraman	427/2.25	427/318
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AS5 "Adhesion of Bovine Serum Albumin on Coated DLC (Diamond-Like) and Uncoated (SiO₂ / TiO₂) Sensor Chips", <http://www.phytis.com/stent4.htm>, pp. 1-2

AT5 "Flow Cytometric Investigation", <http://www.phytis.com/stent6.htm>, pp. 1-3

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	AC6	5,776,161	7/7/98	Globerman	606/194	606/192
	AD6	5,593,442	1/14/97	Klein	623/12	623/1
	AE6	5,569,295	10/29/96	Lam	606/198	606/195
	AF6	5,514,154	5/7/96	Lau, et al.	606/195	606/194
	AG6	5,895,406	4/20/99	Gray, et al.	606/198	623/1
	AH6	5,876,432	3/2/99	Lau, et al.	623/1	623/12
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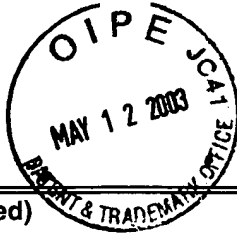
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	AD7	6,059,808	5/9/00	Boussignac	606/191	606/194
	AE7	6,033,433	3/7/00	Ehr, et al.	623/1	623/12
	AF7	6,027,526	2/22/00	Limon, et al.	623/1	623/12
	AG7	6,022,370	2/8/00	Tower	606/194	606/195
	AH7	5,972,018	10/26/99	Israel, et al.	606/198	623/1
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AS7 "Expertise Concerning the Implementation of the PHYTIS DIAMOND AS STENT Performed at the Institute for Experimental Medicine (IEM)", <http://www.phytis.com/stent9.htm>, pp. 1

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	AC8	5,061,914	10/29/91	Busch, et al.	337/140	60/527
	AD8	6,096,175	8/1/00	Roth	204/192	204/192.14
	AE8	5,907,893	6/1/99	Zadno-Azizi	29/6.1	29/412
	AF8	6,019,784	2/1/00	Hines	623/1	600/36
	AG8	5,545,210	8/13/98	Hess, et al.	623/1	623/110
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AS8 "Directions for Use, DIAMOND AS® Stent", <http://www.phytis.com/direcuse.htm>, pp. 1-8

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	AG9	5,951,881	9/14/99	Rogers, et al.	216/41	216/8
	AH9	5,798,042	8/25/98	Chu, et al.		
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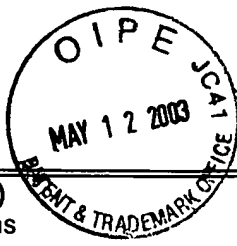
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